

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 227480**

**Report of the Trustee and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
for  
Billingshurst Centre  
Trading as  
Billingshurst Community & Conference  
Centre**

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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**Report of the Trustee**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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The Trustee presents their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustee has adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

To provide a property for the purpose of a Village Hall for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Billingshurst. The facilities within the property provide for a range of sport, social, business and other activities that benefit, directly or indirectly, local people.

**Public benefit**

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Trustee has made the Billingshurst Centre available for hire by inhabitants of the parish for community groups, clubs, societies and individual hire.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The charity has continued to meet its aims and objectives by letting its facilities to the local community.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The nature scope and type of activities of the charity have not changed year on year and income and expenditure remains consistent with prior years and in line with expectation.

**Reserves policy**

The charity has a policy to hold six months worth of income as a general reserve and, in the event it becomes necessary, to earmark further reserves for future capital spending.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Billingshurst Community & Conference Centre was established in 1906 and is registered with the Charities Commission for England & Wales under number 227480. The centre changed, with approval from the Charities Commission, its title from Billingshurst Village Hall to the Billingshurst Centre.

The charity is governed by the conveyance dated 1959.

**Decision making**

The management of the centre is undertaken by Billingshurst Parish Council as sole managing Trustee. The day to day management of the centre is delegated to the clerk to the council under the direction of the Trustee's committee who meet monthly and report to the council as Trustee.

**Risk management**

The Trustee has a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

227480

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**Report of the Trustee**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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**Principal address**

Billingshurst Centre  
Roman Way  
Billingshurst  
West Sussex  
RH14 9QW

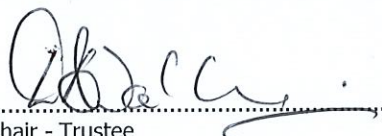
**Trustee**

Billingshurst Parish Council is the Sole Managing Trustee and as such the Parish Council as a corporate body and Trustee is responsible for the running and management of the Billingshurst Centre, with the parish councillors acting as representatives of the Council.

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of Trustees on ..... 6/11/2024 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



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BPC - Chair - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of  
Billingshurst Centre**

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**Independent examiner's report to the Trustee of Billingshurst Centre**

I report to the charity Trustee on my examination of the accounts of Billingshurst Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity Trustee of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

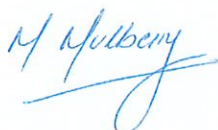
**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		145,148	-	145,148	92,568
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable Activities		166,380	-	166,380	104,145
Investment income	2	854	-	854	655
Other income		<u>2,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,354</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>314,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,736</u>	<u>197,368</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Charitable Activities		<u>350,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350,866</u>	<u>171,323</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(36,130)	-	(36,130)	26,045
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,443,517</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>1,446,785</u>	<u>1,420,740</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,407,387</u></u>	<u><u>3,268</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,655</u></u>	<u><u>1,446,785</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Billingshurst Centre**  
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**Balance Sheet**  
**31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	1,303,329	-	1,303,329	1,319,420
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	20,747	-	20,747	11,040
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>129,819</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>133,087</u>	<u>145,693</u>
		150,566	3,268	153,834	156,733
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(46,508)	-	(46,508)	(29,368)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>104,058</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>107,326</u>	<u>127,365</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,407,387</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>1,410,655</u>	<u>1,446,785</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,407,387</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>1,410,655</u>	<u>1,446,785</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				1,407,387	1,443,517
Restricted funds				<u>3,268</u>	<u>3,268</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,410,655</u>	<u>1,446,785</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... 8/11/2024 .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:



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BPC - Vice Chair - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity rounded to the nearest whole pound.

**Changes in accounting policies**

There have been no changes to accounting policies in the year under review. Unless otherwise stated all accounting policies listed below have been applied consistently.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from hall lettings is recognised when it is receivable, where income is received in relation to future periods it is included in the accounts as deferred income.

Grants are accounted for under the performance model. Grant income is recognised as follows:

- A grant that does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable.
- A grant that imposes specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions are met; and
- Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 5 years on cost

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustee.



**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>854</u>	<u>655</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £
Charitable Activities	<u>350,866</u>

**4. TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no Trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustee's expenses**

There were no Trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**5. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	62,309	58,975
Social security costs	2,826	2,672
Other pension costs	<u>8,781</u>	<u>8,686</u>
	<u>73,916</u>	<u>70,333</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
Direct Charitable		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	92,568	-	92,568
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	104,145	-	104,145
Investment income	655	-	655
<b>Total</b>	<u>197,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,368</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	<u>171,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,323</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	26,045	-	26,045
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,417,472</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>1,420,740</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>1,443,517</u></u>	<u><u>3,268</u></u>	<u><u>1,446,785</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023	1,609,058	93,431	1,702,489
Disposals	-	(3,512)	(3,512)
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,609,058</u>	<u>89,919</u>	<u>1,698,977</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	289,638	93,431	383,069
Charge for year	16,091	-	16,091
Eliminated on disposal	-	(3,512)	(3,512)
At 31 March 2024	<u>305,729</u>	<u>89,919</u>	<u>395,648</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,303,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,303,329</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,319,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,319,420</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	13,162	10,230
VAT	6,775	-
Prepayments	<u>810</u>	<u>810</u>
	<u>20,747</u>	<u>11,040</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10)	-	10,267
Trade creditors	37,690	7,658
Taxation and social security	6,858	1,685
Other creditors	<u>1,960</u>	<u>9,758</u>
	<u>46,508</u>	<u>29,368</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>~</u>	<u>10,267</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,443,517	(36,130)	1,407,387
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	3,268	-	3,268
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,446,785</u>	<u>(36,130)</u>	<u>1,410,655</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	314,736	(350,866)	(36,130)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>314,736</u>	<u>(350,866)</u>	<u>(36,130)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,417,472	26,045	1,443,517
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	3,268	-	3,268
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,420,740</u>	<u>26,045</u>	<u>1,446,785</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	197,368	(171,323)	26,045
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>197,368</u>	<u>(171,323)</u>	<u>26,045</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,417,472	(10,085)	1,407,387
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	3,268	-	3,268
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,420,740</u>	<u>(10,085)</u>	<u>1,410,655</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	512,104	(522,189)	(10,085)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>512,104</u>	<u>(522,189)</u>	<u>(10,085)</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The charity has provided an office to Billingshurst Parish Council (The sole managing Trustee) rent free.

**Billingshurst Centre**  
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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Grants	145,148	92,568
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable - trading	854	655
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Hall Letting - commercial	52,532	54,804
Hall Letting - non commercial	50,131	28,508
Catering	10,484	7,180
Other letting income	<u>53,233</u>	<u>13,653</u>
	166,380	104,145
<b>Other income</b>		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,354</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	314,736	197,368
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	62,309	58,975
Social security	2,826	2,672
Pensions	8,781	8,686
Rates and water	646	1,561
Insurance	4,903	4,497
Light and heat	14,073	8,411
Telephone	-	582
Postage and stationery	1,075	972
Advertising	50	368
Sundries	2,979	2,828
Catering	10,147	7,975
Refuse collection	880	420
Staff training	755	760
Computer consumables	1,407	4,007
Repairs& maintenance	203,461	37,771
Cleaning	9,981	7,504
Garden maintenance	2,691	3,080
Licenses	1,220	1,221
Other professional fees	5,191	1,314
Bad debts	-	228
Independent examination	1,400	1,400
Carried forward	334,775	155,232

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	334,775	155,232
Freehold property	<u>16,091</u>	<u>16,091</u>
	<u>350,866</u>	<u>171,323</u>
Total resources expended	<u>350,866</u>	<u>171,323</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(36,130)</u>	<u>26,045</u>

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